

### REMARKS

The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a December 22, 2004 telephone interview with the undersigned. During the interview, the filing the instant Amendment was discussed, and the Examiner indicated she would entertain the filing hereof, without commenting on the merits until the actual Amendment was before her.

The foregoing changes are made pursuant to the provisions of Rule 312 to effect editorial corrections in the claims to conform the claims to accepted U.S. practice and idiom without introducing any new matter therein. Entry of this amendment is believed to be in order and the same is hereby earnestly solicited.

Any fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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